(c) and (d) At present there is a delay of about 9 months due to delay In award of tenders. However, the original date of completion of the project i.e. March, 2005 has not been changed and the delay is expected to be absorbed during its construction period.

Water Problem in Delhi

† 3808. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that there is an acute shortage of drinking water in Delhi; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken to overcome the problem immediately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Delhi Jal Board has reported that there is a shortfall of 150 MGD- against the assessed demand for 800 MGD of water in Delhi.

(b) Delhi Jal Board has taken the following measures to overcome the problem:-

1. 20 MGD Water Treatment Plant is being constructed at Bawana and is likely to be completed by the end of 2001.

2. 140 MGD Water Treatment Plant is being constructed at Sonia Vihar and is targeted to be completed by 2003.

3.100 tube-wells in the flood plain in the river Yamuna near Palla in Alipur Block are proposed to be installed to exploit ground water in the flood plains of the river Yamuna.

4. Recycling of waste water at the existing Water Treatment Plants to yield about 40 MGD.

Guidelines to regularise Unauthorised Colonies in Delhi

† 3809. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any guidelines with regard to regularising 1071 unauthorised colonies in Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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(c) whether it is a fact that lakhs of people living in-unauthorised colonies may have to face many difficulties due to the implementation of the said guidelines; and

(d) if so, the effective steps Government propose to take to make an amendment in the said guidelines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. In pursuance of Delhi High Court Order passed in C WP No. 4771/93 - Common Cause (regd..) Society *Vs.* Union of Inaia & Ors. - the Union Government after considering all aspects finalized the guidelines for regularization of unauthorised colonies in Delhi. Hon'ble High Court *vide* order dated 27-2-2001 *inter alia* directed the Ministry of Urban Development to notify colonies which could be regularised in terms of the guidelines. Accordingly, Government of NCT of Delhi, DDA, MCD and NDMC have been requested to furnish the list of colonies which could be regularised.

No amendment to the guidelines is considered necessary.

Filling up of the vacancies of Executive Engineers (Civil) in CPWD

3810. SHRI BRAHMAKUMAR BHATT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the actual strength of Executive Engineers (Civil) in CPWD on regular and *ad hoc* basis as on 2nd July, 1997, and out of which how many are in SC and ST category;

(b) the vacancies in the post of Executive Engineers (Civil) in CPWD at present alongwith the details of vacancies before 29th October, 1996 and after 28th October, 1996, year wise and quota-wise; and

(c) the present status of filling up all the vacancies of Executive Engineers (Civil) in CPWD?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a)

	TOTAL	SC	ST
Regular	131	19	10
Ad hoc	277	58	05

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